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and settle with him. 2<sup>d</sup>. When he is not afraid, he is savage, savage and bold -  
hearted to those who differ from him. Abolitionists who may come  
here to raise funds, a lecture, should be in some cautious way, apprized,  
and prepared. 3<sup>d</sup>. Mr. B. is of the same class of Thatcher of Wren-  
tham, and Thompson of Northboro'. And Mr. Thompson had a daughter  
etc, too. But Mr. B. has high reputation, and great discretion. 4<sup>th</sup>. He  
is really wanting in the affections & in feeling. He would let all the slaves  
in Alabama sink, if efforts for them must touch him in his own.

He is with you in the bench appy controversy between the Executive  
Committee of the Mass. A. S. Soc., and as you are opposed by Mr.  
Garrison. But, I apprehend, that by raising expectations in you,  
he has taken advantage to gain time, and do nothing. Then  
you & your friends can be misled. He accepts the Presidency  
of this A. S. Soc., and absolutely uses the office to hinder the society  
from being anything. So he is an officer of the New England A. S.  
Soc. He seems to desire to extinguish & scatter the Anti-Slavery

members of this Soc. and bring those forward who were opposed to Mr.

Thacker, who are opposed to Anti-Slavery, and who are opposed

to most every thing that should be desired or attempted  
by a Soc. It is thought that he would have done better

had it not have been for his family, his wife & daughter.

His wife & daughter are unpopular, and hated by a part of the people.

You may by this time ask what he will do. I will tell you. He is an

intellectual man - has principle - not feeling. He will do all he  
can to make a nest for his family; his great object to build up  
Hepkinessianism not only here, but in all this conference, and in  
this association. He will be bold in all things in which he is pub-  
licized by Rev. Dr. Ide of Newbury. To accomplish these and any

personal object that he dares attempt, he will spare no man,  
nor woman, nor child's feelings. He gets into the difficulties with

the trustees, by acting against my judgment & feelings. And the society  
have to pay, individually, about \$400, which you say to be so much taken from  
the great Benevolent Association. I think you are ignorant, know nothing  
from the confidants here. My views are different from any

other person in this region. And I shall constantly endeavor to  
say nothing, that can do hurt, Yours truly & affectionately,

Lawson Kingbury.



in aid of the funds of the different benevolent societies.

This season ought to be very

favourable for taking up contributions to the Anti-Slavery Enterprise.

Mr. Brigham's trouble has been the absorbing subject with us, the last winter.

His expenses for his defence amounted to \$343. and a little more, I believe.

Individuals have made donations for his relief, and I believe it has been the intention to raise a sufficient sum to fully reimburse him.

This may doubtless have influence, to some degree, Mr. Brigham's action, and it may be some drawback upon our resources to assist the funds of the Anti-S. Soc.

But it might be otherwise and I must ardently hope & desire that something may be done to efficiently aid the cause to which Abolitionists are devoted, the cause of universal humanity.

Sabbath eve. 31. March.

Under much depression of spirit and anguish of heart, I must in haste, in a sketchy way, file out this short. But anxious for your pardon of the 27. Every thing from me, must be passed by confidential, for your own sake, as well as mine.

The grounds, occasion, circumstances that lead to the trial, all the development of a trait of Mr. B.'s character. The verdict of the court was perfectly right. The prosecution of Mr. B. was malicious & wicked, but the trial is a key to his character, his conduct & speech, and management. Similar has been his treatment of the subject of Anti-Slavery since he has been settled among this people. Of a little character has been his course with Mr. Ward's friends, our Anti-Slavery party, who were the majority of my society.



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 I R. It will be seen in my pamphlet to which I refer for the  
 view of Anti-Slavery, that we can not get an adequate  
 notion of a slave. J. M. B. would put us in a wrong  
 all-great man at head, never in the afternoon to  
 collect.

Birmingham, March 30. 1839.

Lawton Kingsbury ✓

Very Dear Sir:

I send two copies of the report of the case  
of "the trustees & Mr. Brigham". One of them may  
be sent to my dear friend, Rev. Joel Mann, (for-  
merly pastor of a society in Bristol, R. I.) with assu-  
rances of my affectionate remembrance and best wishes  
for the health & welfare of all his. Of Mr.  
Mann is not still in the city, both are entirely  
at your service.

I hasten to inform you that Mr. Brigham gave  
us a noble Anti-Slavery discourse. Fast day.

In the afternoon, I pressed the subject of political action, taking a copious extract from Morris' speech.

This has rejoiced my heart.

Mr. Brigham's people raised but \$233.00  
for all religious charities and benevolent objects, in  
the year 1838. In 1837 we raised about \$640.